GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDISED LPG FOR RUNNING CARS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the misuse of subsidised LPG for running cars;

(b) whether it is dangerous ; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to stop the misuse of subsidised LPG for running cars ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Some incidents of misuse of domestic LPG cylinders for auto-fuel in vehicles in various markets have come to the notice of the Government, which is unsafe as well as illegal in terms of LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001.

(c) : Government have taken following measures to prevent the use of domestic LPG cylinders in vehicles for auto-fuel purpose :-

(i) Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and distribution) Order, 2000 has been promulgated making use of domestic LPG cylinders for unauthorised purposes as illegal.

(ii) LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001 permits only fixed LPG fuel tanks to be used in vehicles.

(iii) Under the provisions of these Orders, State Governments are empowered to take action against the erring users of domestic LPG cylinders for unauthorised usage.

(iv) The officials of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) carry out random checks, at distributors' godown, delivery points as well as enroute to check diversion.

(v) Action against erring distributors is taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG)/Distributorship Agreements.

(vi) State Level Coordinators of OMCs have written to the respective State Governments to conduct checks and organize raids so as to detect and prevent unauthorized use of domestic LPG for auto fuel purposes.

(vii) Refill supplies to distributors are being regulated based on historical consumption patterns.

(viii) A joint press advertisement has been released in October, 2004 in cities having Auto LPG Dispensing Station informing the public about the safety hazards associated with the use of domestic LPG cylinders as auto fuel and urging the customers to use auto LPG available at select petrol pumps.